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Senator Edmunds says that he could not tell the truth about Blaine without causing him to be beaten.

A missionary who has been piously laboring in Mormon land to persuade the polygamous sinners from their evil ways recalls the real history of the "Book of Mormon," which Joe Smith stole and palmed off on his followers as a revelation from God. It was written by an eccentric old preacher as a satire, and the author never dreamed that it could be used with such serious and harmful effect.

It is reported in railroad circles that the Pennsylvania Company is trying to steal a march on the present Terminal policy by getting into Richmond with a line to be known as the North Carolina, Georgia and Western road, for which it is said that the charter has been obtained in North Carolina and South Carolina. The line will run from Atlanta by Elberton, Athens, and Monroe, N. C., and connect with the Coast line at the latter point.

The *Dispatch*, to make the impression that but few coupons are being used in this city, stated yesterday that only about \$3,000 have so far been tendered to Mr. Tinsley. This is, to the creditors, a most encouraging fact. The taxes of 1886 are not due until December 1st, and people are just beginning to pay the 1886 taxes. We hardly had a hope that so much as \$3,000 would have been tendered in coupons up to this time. But we tell the *Dispatch* that it is within our own knowledge that many more large taxpayers in this city are going, when they do pay, to tender coupons, and refuse to pay anything else—and that is the point we made on Friday.

According to the chapter of "Confessions" by Fullgraff and Duffy just out, New York Aldermen seem to have been bought in joblots. For Jake Sharp's railway franchise thirteen city fathers were purchased, and of these Jaehne is in State prison; De Lacy, Dempsey, and Sayles are in exile; Duffy and Fullgraff have chosen the only way to escape one fate or the other, and have turned informers. McQuade is on the way to join Jaehne. McLoughlin and Kenny are dead. McCabe is crazy, and O'Neil, Cleary, and Reilly are said to be sane and to be awaiting trial.

It looks as if the situation in the Bulgarian affair had at last become positive, since we are informed that the Czar has withdrawn his consuls and left the military to represent him. The fact that the excuse for this action appears to be a made-up pretext is all the more convincing that the trouble has culminated in a direct issue between the Czar on one side, who wishes to absorb Bulgaria, and the Powers that wish to insist on her independence. The best authorities seem to think that England, Austria, and Italy will be reinforced by Turkey, Serbia, and Roumania in case the Czar continues to force his policy to the uttermost.

Count Kalnoky's speech is viewed in some quarters as a masterly statement of the position of the Austro-German Alliance as having been formed on the natural interests of the powers and as being powerful enough to resist any infraction of the treaty of Berlin, as is threatened by the Czar.

## THAT DAVIS LETTER.

The Baltimore *Sun* publishes the only letter which could have possibly furnished the great war romancer General Tecumseh Sherman with the excuse for charging President Davis with threatening certain States with coercion.

The letter is addressed to Governor Vance and was published in the Raleigh (N. C.) *Standard* in January, 1863, and has been clipped from the file of that paper. It not only shows that Mr. Davis did not threaten the State of North Carolina with coercion, but that the State was offered the assistance of the Confederate authorities against her enemies, evidently referring to certain little tricks of treason in a few localities.

The opinion of the President of the Confederate Government, that treason should be promptly punished, is all that has thus far been brought to light to give the slightest coloring to Sherman's story. It is possible that he heard of the letter, and construed its meaning to be that there was a Union movement in North Carolina of importance, and that Mr. Davis' intention to put it down meant a threat against the State of North Carolina.

Such a conclusion, however, would be worthy of a cankered imagination, incapable even of inventing anything in harmony with the facts.

Referring to Governor Vance's proposition to send commissioners to Washington to treat for peace, Mr. Davis says:

"We have made three distinct efforts to communicate with the authorities at Washington, and have been invariably unsuccessful. Commissioners were sent before hostilities began, and the Washington Government refused to receive them there, or hear what they had to say. A second time I sent a military officer, with a communication addressed by himself to President Lincoln. The letter was received by General Scott, who did not permit the officer to see Mr. Lincoln, but promised that an answer would be sent. No answer has ever been received. The third time, a few months ago, a gentleman was sent whose character and reputation was such, it was thought, as to insure his reception. But the enemy was determined not to receive any proposals whatever from this Government. Vice-President Stephens made a patriotic tender of his services, in the hope of being able to promote the cause of humanity, and, although little belief was entertained of his success, I cheerfully yielded to his suggestions that the experiment should be tried. The enemy refused to let him pass through their lines or to hold any conference with him. He was stopped before he even reached Fortress Monroe on his way to Washington.

The following extract is the passage which might have been distorted into a threat to coerce, but it will be seen that it was a distortion:

"I fear much from the tenor of the news I receive from North Carolina that an attempt will be made by some bad men to inaugurate movements which must be considered as equivalent to 'aid and comfort to the enemy,' and which all patriots should combine to put down at any cost. You may count on my aid in every effort to spare your State the scourge of civil warfare, which will devastate her homes if the designs of these traitors be suffered to make head. I know you will place yourself in your legitimate position in the lead of those who will not suffer the name of the old North State to be blackened by such a stain."

We can but regard the *Dispatch*'s leader of yesterday on the bondholder's proposition as one of the most extraordinary articles that we have ever read. The substance of the argument is this: That if Virginia pays her creditors annually \$1,000,000 as interest on what she owes them the drain on her will by degrees take away all money from Virginia and deposit it all in England. The *Dispatch* concludes, therefore, that she should not send \$1,000,000 per annum to England. Nevertheless the *Dispatch* is an advocate of paying the interest provided for by the Riddleberger settlement, which is \$600,000 per annum; and if \$1,000,000 per annum will in, say, five years drain all money from Virginia, \$600,000 per annum will likewise, in a proportionate time, equally drain all money out of Virginia. Consequently, on the *Dispatch*'s logic, it ought to be unwilling to pay English creditors one cent, for, to that extent, it is tending to the exhaustion of the State.

Leaving out of view all reference to the question of morals involved in the *Dispatch*'s argument, forgetting for the present that the State has been made vastly richer by the use of the creditor's money than she otherwise would have been—what sort of a proposition in political economy is contained in the *Dispatch*'s argument?

The theory upon which a debtor residing within one jurisdiction borrows money from a creditor residing within another jurisdiction is this: Although the debtor's money goes out of his country into that of the creditor, yet it is sup-

posed that in the mutations of trade the people in the creditor's country will have occasion to want something that is in the debtor's country, and will bring that money back to exchange it for the articles wanted. The *Dispatch*'s argument would end all barter and trade between nations. It would build a Chinese wall around each country.

## SPECIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Hamilton Griffin, Miss Mary Anderson's step-father, is on his son's cattle ranch in Colorado.

The *Courier-Journal* announces that the "Star-Eyed Goddess is engaged."

When will the wedding cards be out, and will Colonel Watterson be the best man?

When Jaehne, in his quarters in Sing Sing heard of the confessions of Fullgraff and Duffy, he said, pathetically, that he would rather be in the cell than in the shoes of the traitors.

Of course Lord Coleridge's performance as a father-in-law incite the automaton jokers of the press to put the pickled satire on the lady representative of the same element again on the table.

"Society's new Arcadia" is in the happy valley of Jersey called The Oranges. Ten years ago in East Orange the lots sold for \$15 a foot; now they bring \$75.

Fashion has its boom, and so has speculation.

Miss Smiley, of Boston, has recovered \$8,000 for damages to her affections in the nature of a broken promise of marriage on the part of her cousin, Frank Huston. Frank tried to prove that his affection was only that of a cousin, but the jury drew the line distinctly.

The collision of the Britannia and the Beaconsfield in the harbor of New York, is attributed to the pilot of the Britannia to the failure on the part of the pilot of the other ship to answer his signal.

As the other ship is what is called a "tramp," doubtless the Britannia's pilot is right.

Since they've introduced "Lullaby" into the "Chimes of Normandy" and "Near-er, My God, to Thee," into "Faust" and "The Last Rose of Summer," into the "Mikado" it's pretty hard to tell whether you are attending a nursery, a prayer-meeting, a singing-school, or an opera. They ought to draw a line somewhere. *Boston Herald.*

Ong Gong and Ong Sick are engaged in a Chinese trial. Ong Mong is the name of another Celestial who was killed by Ching Quinn. Quinn is condemned, but Ong Sick was treasurer of the fund subscribed for the prosecution, and having refused to pay the fee to Ong Gong, there is a suit to recover. The judge will have a good time.

Boil your water before you drink it. That is the way to prevent disease. Try it. It is better than physic.—*Wilmington Star.*

Our friend is guilty of an inexcusable omission. After boiling your water, and before drinking it, add a little lemon and sugar and a "wee drap o' suthin'," and you'll have a compound that will overcome all the ills of life, mental and physical. But hot water, just so,—pshaw! *Index-Appel.*

Base-ball enthusiasts are discussing the rumored withdrawal of the Detroit Club from the National League. The club is said to be dissatisfied with the new rule that visiting clubs shall receive \$125 per game instead of the former percentage. The Chicago Club's manager rises in the haughty dignity begotten of many victories, and says that the Detroit Club may go where it pleases for all that he cares. Detroit retaliates by whispering all sorts of unpleasant things about the Chicago team. And so the diplomats of the diamond bicker and threaten and wrangle and the world doesn't care.—*New York World.*

The successful production of the "Acharnians" at the Academy of Music this week is an interesting artistic event. The comedy illustrates the satirical view of the political contest in Athens between the Peace party and the War party when the city was besieged by the Spartans A. D. 425.

There is a political boss who heads the mob and an heroic General, who is the exemplar of the War party. There is human nature in this satire enough to make it, in one sense, familiar to all civilized nations. The students of the Pennsylvania University acquitted themselves well, the honors of the principal part being borne off by Mr. Pepper. The female characters were taken by young men, as was the case when the "Acharnians" was acted in its new era.

From an Interview in the Cincinnati "Enquirer."

He is not among the people nor interested enough in other public men who have recently come from the people. The head of the Government is not the place for a recluse. The tendency of Mr. Cleveland is to become more and more unsocial, and he can only redeem himself by mingling with persons in the channels of affairs. He must be like the executive of a railroad or any other large human concern, approachable to his equals and comprehending that the active laborers and leaders of his party have as much interest as himself in the Government. \* \* \*—Hon. John S. Barbour.

Fresh discoveries of gold continue to be made in South Australia.

## THE CAMERA EAR RING.

Photography Protects the Marriageable Maiden from a Fickle Lover.

Social scientists think that a law should be passed doing away with private betrothals and compelling the suitor to make his vows before a mixed assemblage of from 1,000 to 3,000 people, thus insuring to the woman the necessary witnesses for any breach of promise suit which she might have occasion to institute at a later date.

Unfortunately the betrothals of this country are made at an hour when 60,000,000 of competent witnesses

are deep in slumber; consequently no one hears the binding words save the two contracting parties, the fancy lamp and the sofa. If, afterward, the man proves false and the woman sues, what has she to support her case? Simply her own word. She may make the allegation in three dead languages, and swear to it in two living ones, yet if he but deny it in one the jury is at fault and the doubt.

What though justice is represented as a woman? She only operates with laws devised by men, and this means that in cases of Man vs. Woman the former gets the benefit of the doubt.

What woman needs in this matter is tangible proof to back her statement against that of her faithless lover. The few breach of promise suits show only too clearly that broken vows in many cases have no market value, simply because the fair plaintiff cannot substantiate her claim.

Modern photography, in its marvelous evolution, has reached this social want; and, henceforth, man may make his vows in the



IN OPERATION.

secrecy of a dungeon—if there be but a ray of light present the act will be witnessed by an agent so impartial and reliable that the woman who imprigs it forward must win.

Two diminutive cameras, shaped like earrings, are suspended from the fair one's ears; and as the lover kneels to make his proposal she carelessly raises her hand to the side of her queenly head and focuses the lens upon the man below.

What will the photograph show? The kneeling lover, with his upturned face wearing that yearning, imploring come-to-me-darling-of-my-heart expression, which is only possible at the supreme moment of passion; while beneath will be seen the familiar figures of the materno-paternal rug, and in the background the well known wall paper and pictures—all proving, first, the act; second, the scene of the act; third, the actor himself.

With such a picture (and a microscope), the injured woman can meet the villain's "No" with a negative worth two of his.—Wallace Peck in Life.

## They Thought It a Penance.

One of the chief efforts of some fair Catholic friends is to find a father confessor who will not be too severe on the little failings of which they have to accuse themselves, and the following incident is true of two of them, whom I shall call Kitty and Polly. They had gone one evening to a west side church, where a good German father was reported to be very easy on his penitents, and knelt outside his box waiting their turn, and anon wondering to each other if he would be found "very hard."

It happened that the penitent before them was a youth who was going through his first experience, and not having a very long story to tell, was asked the usual question, "Was that all?"

"No, father," said the boy, "I did several stunts."

"Stuntz, stuntz, my child, vat is dat stuntz?"

"I'll show you, father," said the gamin, and he bounced out of the box and proceeded to throw a handspike in front of the startled maidens, who, after one glance at the unexpected proceeding, fled from the church, one saying to the other:

"Well, Kitty, if that's the kind of penance he gives we must go somewhere else."—A Sinner in New York Star.

## About Names.

Over in the west division Mr. Theo. Hanson hired a painter to get him up a sign. "Dere's a Hanson across de street," he explained. "Dey all call him 'Old Hanson,' and me peoples calls 'de oder Hanson.'" Now, do de sign right," and he wrote out his name: Theodor Hanson. The painter was true to his orders. The sign was put up that night: "The Oder Hanson."

## A SURNAME FACTORY.

"Funny thing about my ancestry," said Ole Williamson, a son of Scandinavia, the other day. "A way back my original ancestor was Ali Oleson, his son was Ole Allison, and he named his boy Andrew Oleson. His son was John Anderson, his son Andrew Johnson. My grandfather was Jacob Bergstrom, his brother William Stromberg. My father was called Henry Jacobson, and they named me Ole Williamson." Then your son?—"Will be William Henryson."—Chicago Ledger.

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